

CHICAGO, IL

THE CHICAGO SMART-HIRE CLEANING CHECKLIST

Before you book — get it in writing.
Know your scope, your rights,
and the true cost of every clean.

Scope & Pricing

Risk & Legal

True Cost Analysis

WHAT THIS CHECKLIST COVERS

Scope	Full rooms, bathrooms, sq ft, exclusions & add-on prices	☐
Pricing	Parking fees, cancellation policy & backup-cleaner plan	☐
Risk	Cleaner is insured, vetted & background-checked	☐
Legal	Written contract required in Chicago since 2022	☐
Wages	Paying at least \$16.60/hr (Chicago domestic-worker law)	☐
True Cost	Sticker price + disruption + damage risk + re-clean cost	☐
Safety	Chemical-free / low-tox option for kids and pets	☐

Hire smart. Stay protected. Stay clean.
Chicago's checklist for smarter cleaning

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Use this checklist whether you hire a company or a private cleaner.

BEFORE YOU BOOK — GET IT IN WRITING

Full scope listed: rooms, bathrooms, and square footage

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Exclusions named (what is not included)

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Add-on prices shown: walls, oven, fridge, and windows

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Parking-fee policy disclosed up front

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THE THREE RISK QUESTIONS

Policy Cancellation policy is written, with a backup-cleaner plan

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Liability Damage process is clear, and the cleaner is insured

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Vetting Cleaner status is known: vetted, background-checked employee

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IF YOU HIRE A PRIVATE CLEANER DIRECTLY

Legal Written contract in place (required in Chicago since 2022)

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Wages Paying at least \$16.60/hour (Chicago domestic-worker wage)

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Tax Plan for tax rules once you pay \$3,000+ in a year (IRS Pub 926)

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RUN THE TRUE COST, NOT JUST THE STICKER

Cost Sticker price + schedule-disruption + damage risk + re-clean cost

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Safety Chemical-free / low-tox option available for kids and pets

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Support A real office or person to call when something goes wrong

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2022

Written contract law (Chicago)

\$16.60/hr

Domestic-worker min. wage

\$3,000+

IRS employer threshold

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